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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 11, 2004 (herein "Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request entry into the record and consideration of this amendment and response. Because the PTO was closed on November 11, 2004 in observance of Veteran's Day, this response that is being filed on November 12, 2004 falls within the statutory 3-month period. As this amendment and response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for response of 3 months, no fee is required. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.